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BIO FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made to increase the use of bio-fertilizers;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on bio-fertilizers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Under the National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) efforts are being made to promote the use of organic inputs including bio-fertilizers through training courses, field demonstrations,farmers fairs, exhibitions, seminars and publicity through print and electronic media.

(b) to (d): Under NPOF, credit linked and back ended subsidy is being provided for setting up of bio-fertilizer production units @ 25% of the project cost, up to a maximum of Rs. 20.00 lakh per unit through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).Financial assistance is also being provided directly to the State Governments, State Government agencies and State Agricultural Universities for setting up bio-fertilizer production units.